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TWO GENERAL QUESTIONS ARISE IN DEPARTMENT'S ANALYSIS OF POST
REVIEW CABLES:

1. WHEN A PRISONER IS ARRESTED AND HELD TEMPORARILY AT
CIUDAD OBREGON, SOME DISTANCE FROM HERMOSILLO, IT
APPEARS CUSTOMARY TO WAIT UNTIL HE IS TRANSFERRED BEFORE A
CONSULAR VISIT IS MADE. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS IMPRACTICAL-
ITY OF IMMEDIATE VISITS TO CIUDAD OBREGON EACH TIME THERE IS
A NEW ARRESTEE. CONCERNING NECESSARY PROTECTION IN THIS
REGARD, PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT WHAT ARRANGEMENT IS MADE
FOR POST TO BE INFORMED OF AN ARREST THERE, AND HOW NEW
ARRESTEE RECEIVES ATTORNEY LIST AND COUNSELING.

2. CONCERNING AMERICANS TORTURED IN CONNECTION WITH
ACCUSATIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRISON FIRE, DEPARTMENT
AWARE OF CURRENT STRATEGY TO DELAY SENTENCING UNTIL
PUBLICITY ABATES. POST IS REQUESTED TO CONTINUE CAREFUL
MONITORING THESE CASES, AND INFORM DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOP-
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